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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, TH

SUBJ: COTTON CONTRACT DEFAULTS

REF: BANGKOK 19016

1. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOREIGN TRADE SUTHEE GAVE EMBASSY STATUS REPORT DECEMBER 13 HIS EFFORTS INDUCE THAI IMPORTERS HONOR COTTON CONTRACTS. INDICATED THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION BETWEEN THAI MILLS AND U.S. SHIPPERS TO POSTPONE SOME SHIPMENTS AND RE-NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS. HE CONTENTED THERE HAVE BEEN SOME POSITIVE RESULTS ALREADY AND HE EXPECTS MORE. MOST MILLS ARE ASSURING SUTHEE ORALLY THEY WILL REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH SHIPPERS BUT THEY REFUSE TO PUT ASSURANCES IN WRITING.

2. WE PROVIDED SUTHEE WITH NEW LIST OF DELINQUENTS THROUGH DECEMBER 4 JUST RECEIVED FROM AMERICAN COTTON SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION. HE ASSURED US HE WOULD CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS, WHICH HE AGAIN EMPHASIZED WERE LIMITED TO MORAL SUASION.

3. SUTHEE CONTENTED CREDIT FACILITIES WERE NOT PROBLEM AT THIS TIME AS FAR AS HE COULD DETERMINE. STUMBLING BLOCK WAS HIGH PRICE WHICH IMPORTERS BELIEVE WILL BANKRUPT THEM. MILLS ARE NOT DISPUTING FACT THAT CONTRACTS ARE VALID.

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4. SUTHEE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT IF AT ANY JUNCTURE CCC CREDITS MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING SOME OF THE CONTRACT PROBLEMS, HE WOULD LET US KNOW. WE WILL SEEK FURTHER STATUS REPORT FROM SUTHEE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. MEANWHILE, WE ARE CONTINUING TO EXERT PRESSURE ON FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN ADDITION TO CALL ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, CHARGE' HAS BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTER ON SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM AND HAS FOLLOWED UP AGAIN AT DIRECTOR GENERAL LEVEL.  
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